



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Additional Information—Shirley June Hollins Homicide

The December 2008 death of a 64 year-old Newark woman has been classified as a homicide by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Delaware. On December 4, 2008 at 6:31 p.m., a 911 call was placed by the victim's husband, who reported he returned home from work to find his wife unresponsive in the bathroom of their home in the 800 block of Baylor Drive, Newark.

Responding officers, EMT's, and paramedics found the victim, Shirley June Hollins, unclothed and wet, lying in the bathtub. Mrs. Hollins was found to be in a condition beyond resuscitation, and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officers assigned to the death investigation discovered the Hollins' house to be secure, with no sign of forced entry. Nothing inside the house had been damaged, moved, or stolen. The inside of the residence was clean and tidy, with no signs of an intruder or struggle.

To date, the investigation has revealed that the husband of June Hollins is the last known person to have seen her alive on the morning of her death. Investigators have also learned that June twice battled cancer in the recent past, but two weeks prior to her death she was declared cancer-free by her doctor.

On May 18, 2009, the Newark Police Department received notice from the Medical Examiner's Office, stating Mrs. Hollins' death certificate had been signed, and the manner of death was homicide. Strangulation, blunt force trauma, and drowning contributed to June's death.

At this time, no arrest warrant has been sought, which prohibits the Newark Police Department from publically naming a suspect. However, the Newark Police Department believes this was not a random act, and that the general public is not at risk from the person responsible for Mrs. Hollins' death.



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Any information pertaining to Shirley June Hollins should be reported to Det. Tom Maiura at 302-366-7110 ext. 152 or Thomas.Maiura@cj.state.de.us. Information can be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available. Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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